

THE MECCA OF ALL TOURISTS

SOUTHERN PINES IS A WINTER PARADISE.

Some of the Reasons Why This Carolina Resort Has Won Such Marked Popularity Among Well-to-do Seekers After Health and Pleasure. Some Facts About Its Leading Hotel.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Southern Pines, N. C., March 12. EASTON, RICHMOND, and we have the choice of three great railway systems which give quick and direct access and competitive service to all parts: the Seaboard Air Line, the Southern railway and the Atlantic Coast line. Choosing the Seaboard, we cross the James river to Manchester, Va., directly opposite on a large steel viaduct a mile long, which is a wonderful feat of engineering skill, from which we get a good view of the historic river and the once capital of the Southern Confederacy.

of 13,642. The city is peculiarly laid out. In the center is a large plot, called "Union Square," around which the city is built. In its center, on higher ground, is the capitol building, an imposing structure 90 feet by 160 feet, costing \$550,000. The citizens of Raleigh are full of vigor and enterprise as expressed in public work, through their Chamber of Commerce and Industrial association. Among the manufacturing industries are a large hosiery, yarn and flannel mill, a tobacco factory, a cotton seed oil mill and phosphate works, while just outside the city limits is located the State Experimental Station and Farm of 5,000 acres, the first in the South and the second in the United States, an enterprise resulting in incalculable good to the agricultural interests of the state. The city has nearly fifty miles of broad, well paved and well shaded streets, and a superior water and sewerage system. Here is located the State Geological Museum, an Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, also the State Insane Asylum and Penitentiary. A feature worthy of



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emulation by other states is their "convict system," utilizing the convicts on the public works throughout the state and in various camps. Raleigh is one of the leading educational centers of the state, having three colleges for young ladies, a male academy and a fine system of public schools. For the higher education of the "colored people" there are Shaw University and St. Augustine Normal college. Of the population of Raleigh, sixty per cent are white. The public schools are supported by a per capita tax not exceeding two dollars and the railroad companies pay a large sum for school purposes. Thirty-five per cent of the pupils are colored. There are separate schools. Among the institutions for higher education are the Baptist Female university, with two distinct schools and also St. Mary's school, both large and prosperous institutions. The massive and craggy shade-trees which abound in Raleigh have given it the title of the "City of Oaks."

SOUTHERN PINES.

From Raleigh to Southern Pines, the "mecca of health resorts," is sixty-eight miles through a flourishing pine-land and lumber camps, with improved farming country well adapted to the raising of early vegetables, grain, grapes and stock. As the swift speeding train sweeps southward, we see more and more the low, flat, level of the northern winter, though reluctantly, and commence to breathe the invigorating air of the great pines only found in the "High Sand Hills," where winter is distanced in the race for supremacy.

The air here is simply aromatic with the odor of the long-leaved pine forests which surround the town. Here we find repose without dullness, health without medicine, and pleasure without much exertion. The country of the climate here is most marked; the nearest approach to it is Southern California at the foot hills of the mountains. Yet here we have cold, piercing winds which are never found here. The average winter temperature is 41 degrees, and the yearly average is 63 degrees, thus admitting outdoor exercise during the entire year with no discomfort whatever.

CLIMATE ACCOUNTED FOR.

This mild climate is accounted for mainly in the influence of the Gulf Stream. This immense body of super-heated water attains a width of seventy-five miles at a point on the North Carolina shore, directly east of Southern Pines, 110 miles distant. This stream pours its heat during its course and modifies the climate of the shores it touches, and is carried over the pine-belt by the trade winds prevailing the greater part of the year.

Southern Pines is located on the Seaboard Air Line railway, right in the heart of the renowned long-leaved pine belt and high sand-hill section of North Carolina, which covers an area over a hundred miles in length southward and some thirty miles wide. It is 600 feet above sea level and with its sandy, porous soil, high altitude, and distance from the water among these exalting pines, all combined, it possesses all the advantages of resorts farther south and is the healthiest and probably the most desirable winter resort in America. The absence of large bodies of water, which cause by their cooling effects the condensation of the air, and the atmospheric and produce fog, precludes the possibility of miasma, always found in lowlands bordering on streams. Here, there is absolutely nothing for microbes to feed on. Professor W. C. Kerr (state geologist) while exploring this region discovered that the people who lived here were entirely free from all forms of pulmonary and throat diseases and he thought it was due to the presence of the long-leaved pine, which is the growth of this "Pine Hill" section largely. It is any wonder, then, that this region is visited now by thousands of tourists from all over the land, who desire to spend their winter months in this grand climate, neither too hot nor too cold.

Southern Pines is now a prosperous little hamlet of 1,000 population, inhabited by those who came seeking health, but the best of it is they are no longer invalids. The erection of many elegant cottages by northern people of wealth and refinement during the past few years, has given an impetus to the village; real estate has advanced and wonderful progress is being made every year and the outlook for new comers is very favorable. The schools are excellent and guests with families can spend the winter in this mild climate and not neglect the education of their children. Educational opportunities are offered not only in the ordinary branches, but teachers of languages and music and art are found here. There are, too, churches of most every denomination. Here are stores and markets of all branches.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

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EXCELLENT HOTELS.

Southern Pines can boast of some excellent hotels, eight, all told, rates varying in price from \$9 to \$35 per week. But the most palatial and most modern structure and increased popularity Woods Inn, a cut of which appears herewith. This hotel will comfortably accommodate two hundred and fifty guests and make them feel comfortable and satisfied. Home-like in every respect, its guests are free from restrictions and can here enjoy a winter home with all the comforts of city life.

Opened in 1896, it success the first season was most marked, and the fore-runner of a brilliant future, and, I understand, with each succeeding year, greater success and increased popularity have been its good fortune. The "Inn" is located upon a sandy ridge at an elevation of 600 feet above sea level, which has a gradual slope toward the village, a half-mile distant. The soil is clean sand, extending to a depth of fifty feet, and affording a perfect natural drainage and preventing any surface dampness. Numerous springs of the purest water flow from this hillside, issuing forth as clear as crystal, the great depth of the sand through which they are acting as a filter and removing all deleterious matter.

The "Inn" has all the up-to-date improvements connected with a first class hotel—good toilet rooms on every floor, electric light, electric call bells, spacious parlors, reception rooms, reading and writing rooms for both ladies and gentlemen, well furnished, large parlors, sun parlors on each story, steam heat—in fact all the conveniences of city hotels. The office is spacious and roomy and the growing parlors and ferns, with bric-a-brac and works of art, together with the comfortable that is so welcome to the stranger. In the hotel is a billiard and also pool table, free to the use of the guests, while the commodious parlors, so tastefully decorated, the cheery sun parlors, and the reading and writing rooms with a large library of books, all serve to make the visitor feel that he is at home and among friends.

The sleeping rooms are all good size, with a closet in each room. Floors are of hard wood, with rugs, thus giving absolute cleanliness, while private baths are attached to many rooms.

HANDSOME DINING ROOM.

The dining room is of unusual capacity, adorned with tropical and subtropical plants. The table is liberally supplied with all the fruits and luxuries in market and the white tablecloths and the white uniforms of the waiters are selected from the best hotels north of those districts of enjoying a southern climate in winter. An excellent orchestra music at all hours and during certain hours in the day and evening. A resident house physician is always in attendance. Confirmed consumptives are not received. I should mention the nine-hole golf course, said to be one of the best in the south, with a professional golfer in attendance, and the great variety of sports, fox hunting, with a pack of hounds, used for this special purpose. Guides and horses are furnished for a chase any time, also dogs for hunting quail, wild turkeys, deer and fox. The game shooting here cannot be surpassed. It is an interesting sight when the saddle clubs assemble at the hotel front for the morning ride.

The "Hotel Park," in which the hotel stands, contains twenty acres, covered with a heavy growth of the long-leaved pines, the trees growing to a height of sixty feet, and the air is rapidly being made very pure and healthy. Rustic arbors, bridges, seats, etc., are erected with skill and taste, that the most refined and intelligent people who come to dwell in this "paradise of nature" may enjoy themselves thoroughly. In absolute freedom from noise and disturbance, with the balmy odor of the pines permeating the air you breathe, it is a perfect paradise for those needing rest and quiet and outdoor air. Within this park are located the Southern Pines mineral springs. These waters, on account of their saline properties, have been found beneficial for gout, rheumatism, scrofulous diseases, constipation, obesity, diseases of the skin, also of the liver and various other ailments.

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

The sanitary conditions of Piney Woods Inn are most favorable in every respect and absolutely perfect and deserving of special notice. Nature has given a spring, yes, several springs of water which are wonderfully pure, while the sewerage and drainage go in

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an opposite direction. The stranger is invariably charmed with the home-like appearance and air of freedom pervading this hotel. How could it be otherwise when such an all around hotel man is the moving spirit. I can say that in all my travels from Maine to California and Alaska to Florida, only in one or two other instances have I found a more genial, skillful, painstaking and natural born hotel manager than the proprietor and manager, Charles St. John. His having for many years conducted a northern summer resort at High Point Inn, near Port Jervis, N. Y., with gratifying success, and attracting numerous people of refinement and culture there, with each recurring season, is the best possible certificate as to his good management, particularly when the same "old-time" patrons enter their names anew on the hotel register of his "winter resort" at Southern Pines. Aside from an able corps of assistants, including members of his family and a brother-in-law, Alonzo Stryker, of Hingham, N. Y., (a thoroughbred hotel man), it was a pleasure to meet among the guests our old friends, his father-in-law and popular ex-Executive conductor, Charles M. Salmon, so well and favorably known in Scranton and Honesdale, having relatives in each place. Looking back, and happy, he is ever on the alert to extend the conductor's grip in welcoming his numerous friends to become guests of the Inn. This alone is sufficient guarantee that every patron of the "Piney Woods Inn" will be heartily welcomed, royally entertained and made to feel at home during his stay. With such inducements none should fail to seek this land of ozone, pines and health, as a winter resort. —J. E. Richmond.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The concert to be given by the Symphony Orchestra next Monday evening at the Lyceum will be in commemoration of the late Italian composer, the immortal Verdi, the man whose name is so familiar to our ears as that of the great operatic masterpieces as "Il Trovatore," "Rigoletto," "Falstaff," "Otello," "Lombardi," etc. This is a fitting tribute to the man whose music will be worthy of Verdi and his work. The Symphony orchestra has given us some agreeable surprises in the past, but we expect them to do better than ever on Monday evening. The programme is ambitious, containing, as it does, the most widely known Beethoven symphony—the great C minor—a large undertaking in itself. The orchestra has also given us the hymn and triumphal march from "Aida." The orchestra will also perform the accompaniments to the various solo numbers for the vocalists. Of the artist singers engaged it is needless to speak at length. Signor Alberti, the baritone, is a recognized artist, not only in this country, but in Europe as well. Madame Nelli, the soprano, has been with the Seaside opera troupe this season, and this fact establishes her as an artist of much ability in music circles. Her repertoire is in every way complete, and that wonderful woman, Sembrich, is to be in an evening musical atmosphere. Madame Nelli will sing the "Miserere" from "Tosca," Verdi's masterpiece. The tenor, Signor M. Massimo, is familiar to music lovers as a great interpreter of Verdi. In London he has made a most favorable impression. The soprano soloist, Miss Edith Jones, has a voice of great quality. The tenor, Signor M. Massimo, is familiar to music lovers as a great interpreter of Verdi. In London he has made a most favorable impression. The soprano soloist, Miss Edith Jones, has a voice of great quality. The tenor, Signor M. Massimo, is familiar to music lovers as a great interpreter of Verdi. In London he has made a most favorable impression. The soprano soloist, Miss Edith Jones, has a voice of great quality.

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